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Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) Honors 19 During Annual Enrichment Conference

Engaging training by education experts and peers builds capacity in ACE



SAN ANTONIO, Aug 31, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Nearly 500 Afterschool Staff representing 180,000 Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade students participated in the Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) 2011 Annual Conference held August 10th-11th in Austin. Sponsored by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and coordinated by Edvance Research, the theme was A Blueprint for Afterschool Success, emphasizing the PRIME Blueprint for Texas ACE as the foundation for successful afterschool programs.

Colleagues, peers, educators, and community professionals explored new ideas, strategies, and opportunities to enhance ACE programs through high quality programming, project management, and family engagement to help improve academic performance and college/workforce readiness.

Candace Ferguson, TEA 21st CCLC State Coordinator/Program Manager and Gina Day of TEA opened the conference with Edvance Research, the 21st CCLC: Program Enhancement and Quality Assurance partner.

Keynote speakers, Drs. Debbie Silver and Consuela Kickbusch shared motivational stories of how quality teachers made a difference in their lives and how they in turn have been role models for children, inspiring students to achieve academic success. Participants also learned how to engage their local judicial system to support their ACE communities. Candace Ferguson moderated the discussion with Judge Joe A. Gonzalez, Nueces County Commissioner for Precinct Two; Judge Judy Schier Hobbs, Williamson County Justice of the Peace for Precinct Four; and Pete Garza, Jr., ACE Project Director, Banquete ISD.

Sessions included Strategies for Successful Family Engagement, Anti-Bullying, Afterschool Safety and Readiness, Staff and Student Recruitment, Community Partnerships, and online and peer resources. Participants also networked with over 20 exhibitors, showcasing afterschool resources and services.

"It was an honor to attend the ACE Conference, participate in the student panel, and represent iSWAG (International Society for Wealth After Graduation). To stand there with my peers and closest friends as an example of today's generation was a big deal. I enjoyed sharing my personal experiences. " - Julia Trejo, Senior from Taylor High School in Taylor, TX

Concluding with the Golden ACE Award Ceremony, recognizing leaders who have made a difference in the lives of ACE students and their families, over 50 ACE representatives

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were nominated by peers and 19 Golden ACE Awards were presented:

Most Innovative Activity: JoAnn Barcak of Taylor High School, Taylor ISD.

Top Administrators: Dr. Brenda Emanuel of Sheldon ISD; Nancy Mooney of Banquete High School, Banquete ISD.

Top Site Coordinators: Demetrius Johnson of Humble Middle School, Humble ISD; Vicky Schulz of Roger E. Sides Elementary School, Karnes City ISD; Priscilla Ramirez of Banquete High School, Banquete ISD; Jesse Ruiz of Pasadena High School, Communities in the Schools- Brazoria County.

Top Project Directors: Stacey Crawford, Harris County Dept. of Ed- CASE (Cycle 5); Kam Marvel, Communities in Schools- Brazoria County (Cycle 6).

Top Community Partners: Faulk Foundation, Houston ISD; Frost Bank, Harris County Dept of Ed- CASE.

Top Student: Adrian Izaguirre of Chavez High School, Houston ISD.

TEA recognized 7 Grantees for aligning their program strategies to the PRIME Blueprint for TEXAS ACE and going above and beyond the daily program requirements: Banquete ISD; Beaumont ISD; Birdville ISD; Irving ISD; Mathis ISD; Mercedes ISD; Somerville ISD.

ACE is administered by the Texas Education Agency and funded by the Texas 21st CCLC Program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Edvance Research, a women and minority, employee owned firm, is the provider to TEA for Program Enhancement & Quality Assurance for ACE, and is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas with offices in Austin, Texas. To learn more visit www.TexasACE21.org.


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